

**Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. B-4406

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic 300 West Franklin Street

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 300 W. Franklin Street ☐ not for publication

city, town Baltimore ☐ vicinity of congressional district Seventh

state Maryland county Baltimore

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> military <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: vacant

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Mayor and City Council

street & number telephone no.: MD

city, town Baltimore state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore City Courthouse SEB2088
liber

street & number 100 N. Calvert Street, Room 610 folio 454

city, town Baltimore state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Resource Count: 1

This circa 1850 Italianate commercial block building sits on the NW corner of N. Howard and W. Franklin streets. It is four stories tall, five bays wide and five bays deep. It is covered with plaster scored to resemble dressed stone. The Howard (east side) and Franklin (south side) facades are identical.

The first story of both Howard and Franklin streets has been boarded up, but it appears to have been substantially altered during the third quarter of the 20th century. It has plexiglass blue panels poking above the boarded windows. A shallow tin awning runs across the facade. The entrance is on the clipped corner. The awning and upper stories of the building are cantilevered out over the clipped corner. The awning is supported by a squared metal post.

The second, third, and fourth stories are stacked versions of each other, with a slight decrease in the window heights as the stories rise. All the windows are boarded up. The sills are stone. The scoring pattern of the plaster creates false stone architraves, including jambs and lintels with voussoirs.

The Italianate cornice has projecting eaves supported by arched brackets with scrolled ends.

The west and north walls are partially visible from a dead end alley. The corner of the two walls are notched to permit additional lighting. The west wall is blank and laid in a variable American bond. Ghost lines indicate that it once was a partywall neighbor to a two-story gable roofed building on Franklin Street. Faded painted letters advertise "New Academy Hotel." The north wall is also in a variable American bond, but has a few windows along the upper stories. The shed roof slopes away from Franklin Street.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

unknown

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The circa 1850 building is a good example of an Italianate commercial block. While the first story has been altered, the upper stories reveal the popular early Victorian design aesthetic of a massive block capped by a projecting ornamental cornice. The use of a plastered surfaced incised to resemble cut stone is unusual and shows a concern for decorative effect at minimal cost.

The facade on both Howard and Franklin streets are treated with equal attention, suggesting that the view from both streets was important. In addition, the clipped corner entrance, a popular late-nineteenth-century device, took advantage of the double street location.

A faded sign painted on the west wall indicates that this was once a hotel. It is a modest version compared to the hotel that grew up beside it in the late nineteenth century. The ghostlines of a two-story, gable-roof structure are also found on the west wall (the Franklin Street side). Coupled with the three-story structure that abuts it on the Howard Street side, this Italianate, shed-roofed commercial block stands out as a commercial building type in an otherwise very residential-looking block.

The circa 1940 alterations to the first story created a "modern" commercial design aesthetic. The use of plate glass windows modernized the appearance of the street-level facade into a floor-to-ceiling display window. This remodelling represents one of the last periods of commercial vitality on the street. Very little facade remodelling occurred after this decade.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATA**HISTORIC CONTEXT:**

Geographic Organization:
Piedmont

Chronological/Developmental Period:
Agricultural-Industrial Transition, 1815-1870
Modern Period, 1930-present

Historic Period Themes:
Architecture
Economics

Resource Type:
Building

Historic Environment:
Urban

Historic Function and Use:
Commercial

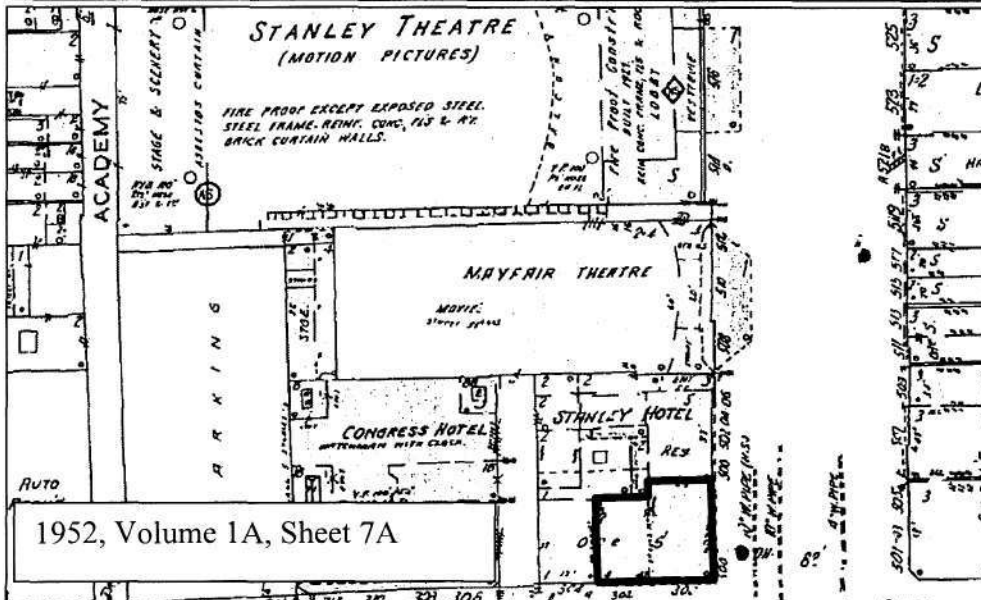
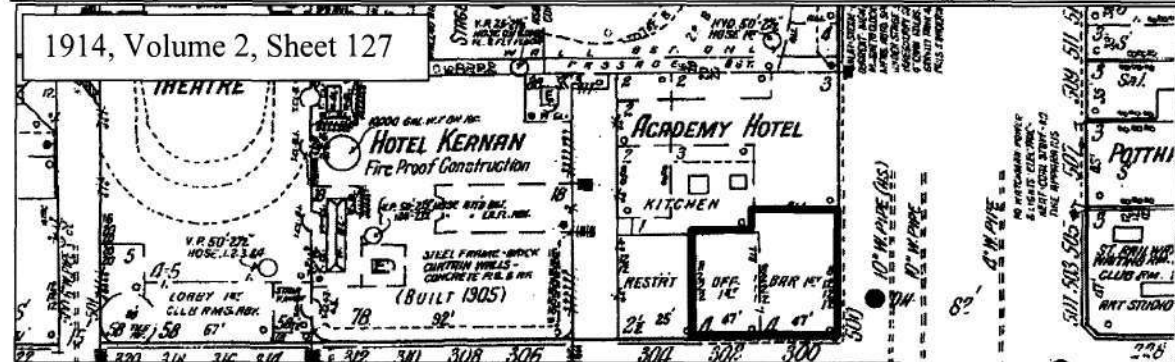
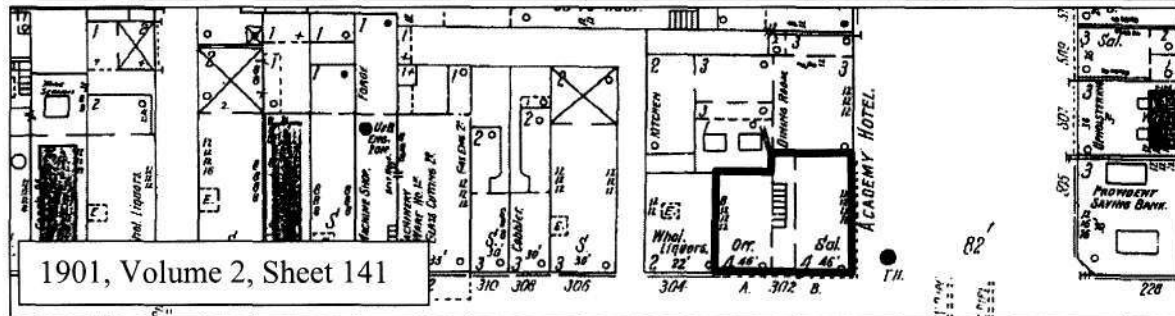
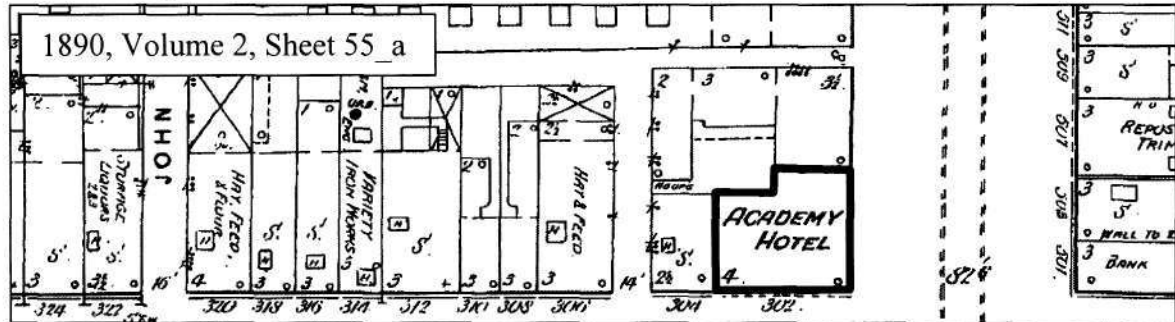
Known Design Source:
None

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Academy Hotel (Stanley Hotel)

300 W. Franklin Street

Sanborn Maps



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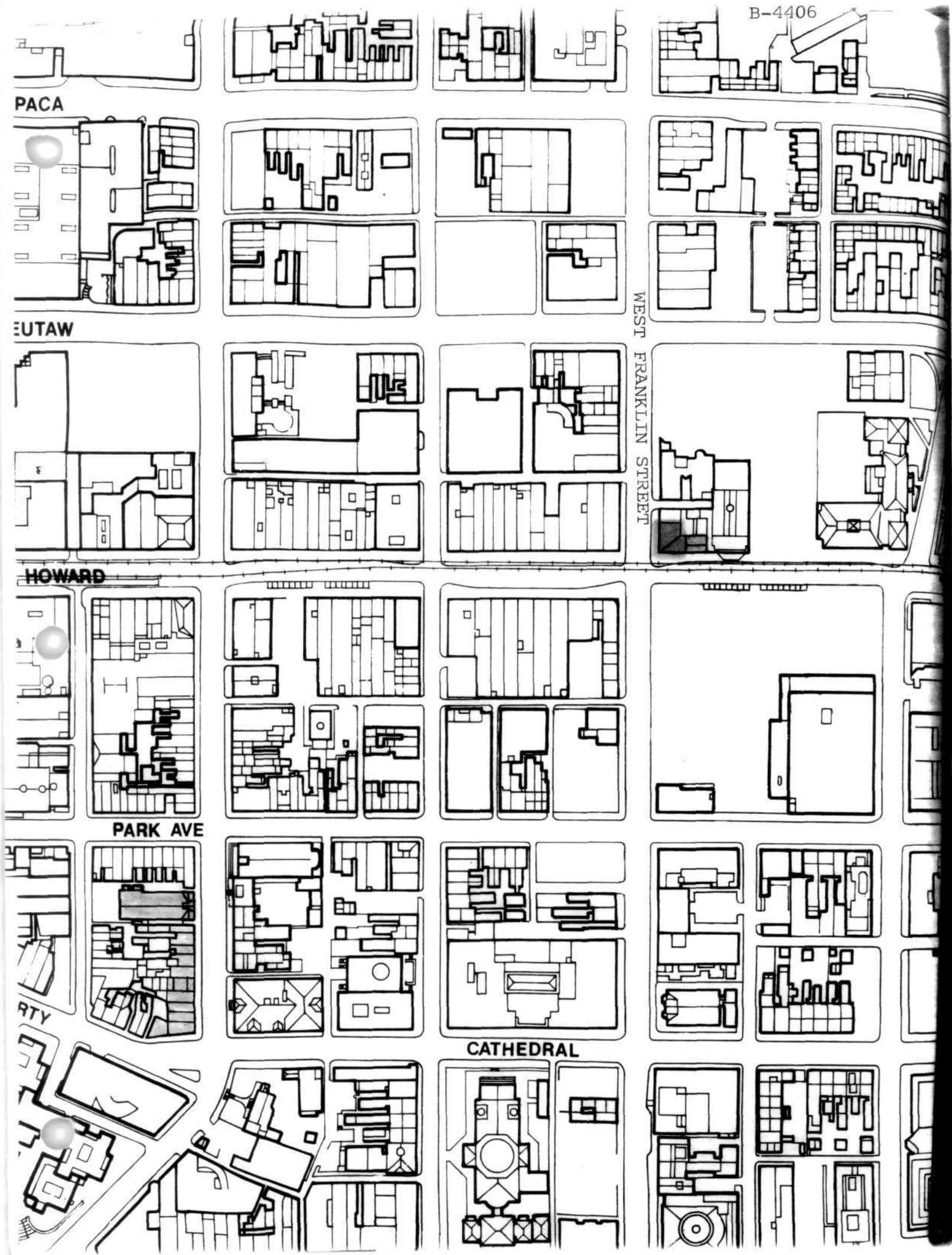
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PARK AVE

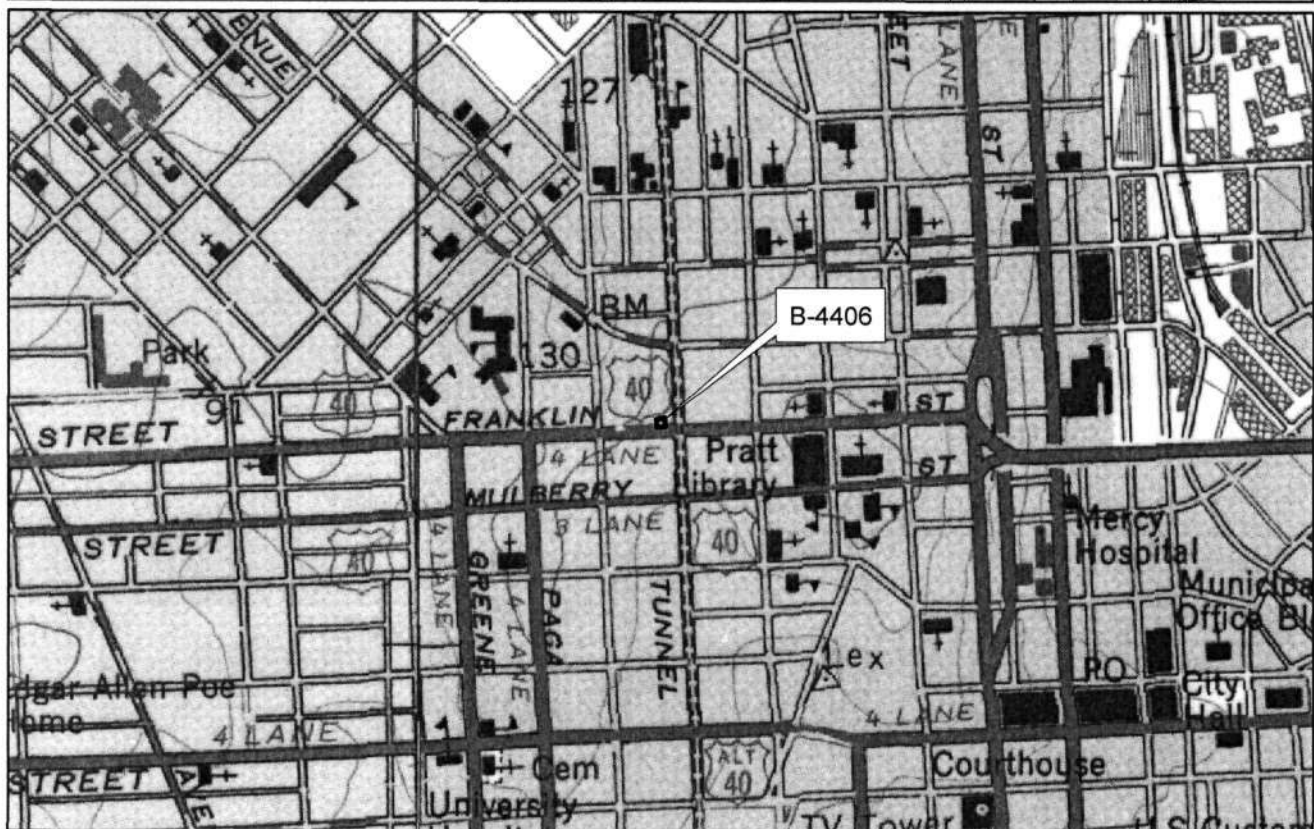
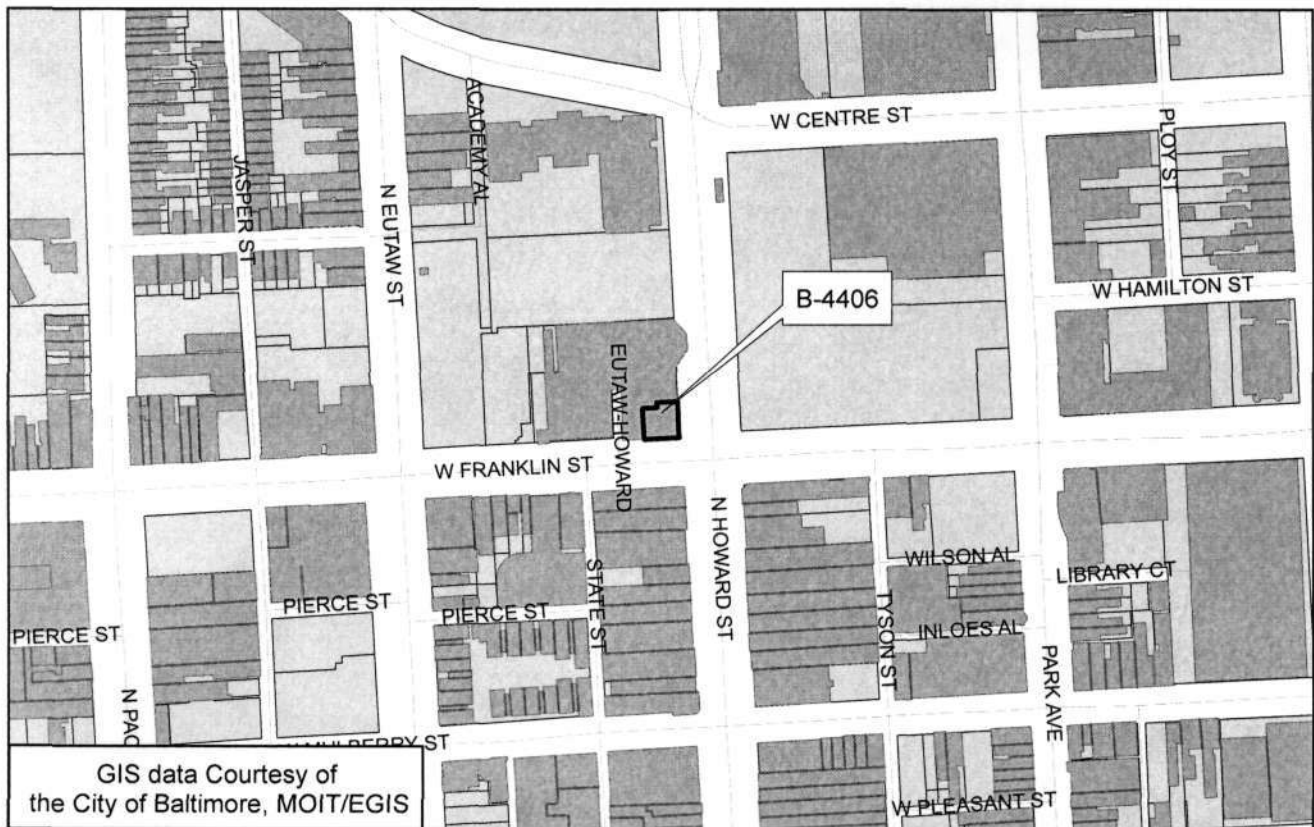
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CATHEDRAL

WEST FRANKLIN STREET



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 Academy Hotel (Stanley Hotel)
 300 W. Franklin Street
 Block 0530 Lot 039
 Baltimore City
 Baltimore East Quad





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SE Elevation, facade

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SW Elevation

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